GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4367
ANSWERED ON:28.03.2017
Closing of Sugar Mills due to Lack of Sugarcane
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether hundreds of sugar mills across the country have been closed down due to lack of sugarcane availability and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the number of existing sugar mills in the country, the State-wise details of the functional and closed mills;
(c) the grant given by the Government to these sugar mills and the scheme formulated to revive the closed mills;
(d) the target of sugar production in the country and the total consumption thereof;
(e) whether the Government has imposed a ban to issue new licence for setting up of new sugar mills in Maharashtra and if so, the reasons therefor and the opinion of the Government in this regard; and
(f) the steps taken by the Government to provide licence for setting up new sugar mills and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a): As per reports received from the sugar producing States, out of about 480 sugar mills which commenced crushing operations during current sugar season 2016-17, about 284 sugar mills have been closed down up to 15th March, 2017 due to in-sufficient sugarcane availability in their operational area.
(b): A statement indicating State-wise number of Existing, Functional and Closed sugar mills in the country is at Annexure.
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(c): It is the responsibility of the entrepreneur concerned to take steps to re-open/revive the closed sugar mills as far as private sector is concerned and State Government/UTs concerned in the case of the Public and Cooperative sugar mills. The Government, under the Sugar Development Fund (SDF), provides concessional loans for modernization/expansion or rehabilitation, bagasse based cogeneration power projects, production of ethanol and sugarcane development as well as restructuring of SDF loans of the potentially viable closed sugar mills/ undertakings.
(d): The Government does not fix any target of production and consumption of sugar.
(e): No, Madam. The Central Government has de-licensed the sugar industry.
(f): does not arise.
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ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4367 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28.03.2017 IN LOK SABHA
Statement showing State-wise number of Existing, Functional & Closed sugar mills in the country during the Sugar Season 2016-17.
(Provisional)
(Position as on 10.03.2017)
S.No.
STATE
Total Installed Sugar Mills
Operated Sugar Mills during current sugar season 2016-17
Closed Sugar Mills
1
Punjab
24
16
8
2
Haryana
16
14
2
3
Rajasthan
3
1
2
4
Uttar Pradesh
158

116
42
5
Uttaranchal
10
8
2
6
Madhya Pradesh
24
18
6
7
Chhattisgarh
3
3
0
8
Gujarat
27
18
9
9
Maharashtra
243
150
93
10
Bihar
28
11
17
11
Assam
3
0
3
12
Orissa
8
2
6
13
West Bengal
2
0
2
14
Andhra Pradesh
33
18
15
15
Telangna
11
7
4
16
Karnataka
78
59
19
17
Tamil Nadu
46
38
8
18
Pondicherry
2
0

2
19
Kerala
2
0
2
20
Goa
1
1
0
21
Nagaland
1
0
1
22
Dadra & Nagar Haveli
1
0
1
Total
724
480
244
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